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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shin-ichi NISHIZONO et al.

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Examiner: Chun Kuan Lee

For:

STORAGE CONTROLLING APPARATUS, STORAGE APPARATUS AND RECONNECTION CONTROLLING METHOD IN THE STORAGE APPARTUS

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on May 21, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.